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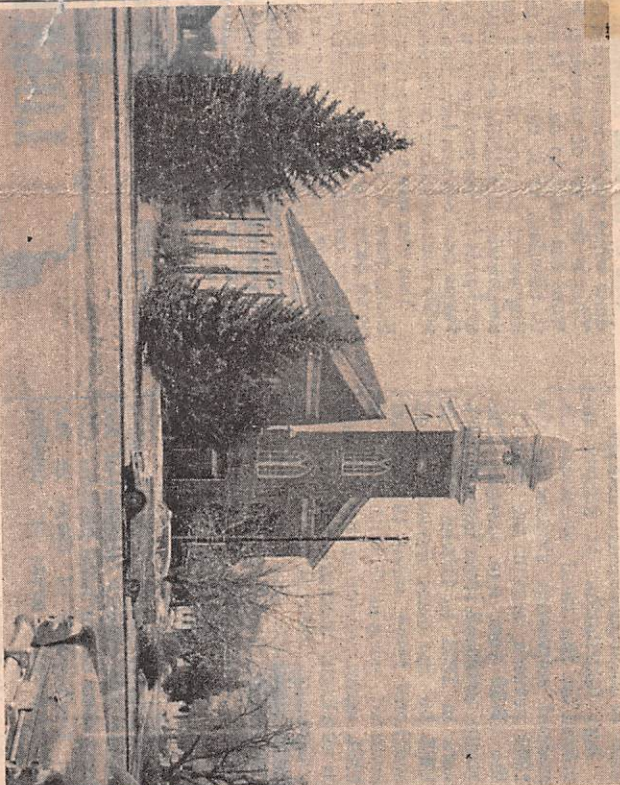
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Stake Tabernacle Preserved For Co. Historical Landmark

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TABERNACLE SAVED!—Wasatch Stake's historic Tabernacle was "saved" in a meeting of the Stake Priesthood with the word from President David O. McKay stating that he desired that the building be preserved. Renovation of the building is planned.

New Two Ward Chapel Stake Center To Be Constructed by Stake

President David O. McKay of center and two ward chapel be built on an alternate site. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints desires that the Wasatch Stake Tabernacle be preserved and that the new stake

Historical Society Chairman Gives Thanks for Support

Now that the decision has been made by the First Presidency to preserve the Stake Tabernacle and build a new Stake Center on a new site, may we all forget our differences and join with the Stake Presidency to erect the new center on the site they have chosen. While we are helping to erect the new center let's not lose sight of this beautiful structure that has been spared, that future generations might have physical evidence of the history and culture of our early church in this valley.

May we also thank our City of J Harold Call, president of the Wasatch Stake, said the voting was unanimous to uphold President McKay's decision. A deed to the tabernacle property will be issued to Heber City Corporation with the restriction that if the tabernacle and grounds aren't properly maintained, they will revert back to the church. Options on an alternate site will be picked up immediately and plans will proceed with the construction of the new building, said President Call.

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TABERNACLE UNDER CLOUD—When the photographer snapped this picture of the Heber Tabernacle with a summer storm cloud hovering over it, he perhaps didn't intend it as a symbol—but it somehow signifies the cloud which has hung over the building ever since Stake President Harold Call and his supporters announced they would destroy it. This was apparently forestalled by President Hugh B. Brown's announcement last week that it was not to be torn down, but the cloud still hovers. Now, President Call has presented a proposal to retain control of the building through lease, a proposal which the Heber City Council has rejected. (See accompanying story).

Ownership Still In Doubt

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City Council Rejects Proposal Of Stake Head on Heber Tabernacle

HEBER CITY — Who is to have title to the historic Wasatch Stake Tabernacle? This is the problem now confronting Heber City and LDS Church authorities.

The Heber City Council rejected a proposal last week from the Church to lease the tabernacle to them. The lease proposal was presented at the regular City Council meeting by Wasatch Stake President Harold Call. The proposal involved leasing the tabernacle and grounds to the city for 50 years. The city would pay \$23,000 in addition to \$22,000 to be raised by the committee seeking to preserve the structure. At the end of the 50 years the lease would be renewable for \$1 or if the city did not wish to renew, the \$23,000 would be refunded to them. No money would be refunded to the committee by President Call's proposal, according to Mayor Raymond Giacoletti.

Church Proposal

President Call and his first counselor, Ralph Carlile, also included in the proposal that if the city decided to raze the building in that period of time the \$23,000 would be refunded to them. The Church would retain control over maintenance and use of the building.

Mayor Giacoletti said he doubted the legality of such a lease agreement.

The Council proposed to buy outright and obtain title to the tabernacle, but would accept Church restrictions on maintenance and use, the mayor said.

The Church proposal followed

an announcement last Sunday of President Hugh B. Brown of the General Authorities, that the tabernacle would be preserved.

Year's Fight

The decision climaxed a year's efforts to save the building from demolition. The committee seeking preservation acted on the understanding that if \$60,000 could be raised for a new site for the building of a two-ward and stake center, the old tabernacle and grounds would be deeded to the city.

The fight to tear the building down was initiated and led by Stake President Call, who persisted in a decision to destroy the structure and erect a new stake center on the site until President Hugh B. Brown's an-

nouncement last week that the building was not to be torn down.

Mr. Giacoletti said the City has negotiated with the committee which has worked directly with the Church. Two members of the City Council are, however, members of the committee.

Funds Pledged

Heber City has pledged a major part of the necessary funds. They plan to sell a 22½-acre piece of undeveloped city property on the west side of town for an offer of \$23,000. The proceeds will go to the save the tabernacle fund. This amount along with \$15,000 from the sale of the tennis court located on the same block as the tabernacle will make the city donating \$38,000. The committee will raise the additional amount of \$22,000.

Heber City and the recently organized Wasatch Historical Society have reached an agreement that the city will care for the grounds and maintain the exterior of the building, and the Historical Association will provide use of the building and maintain the inside.

Don Barker, president of the new organization said they plan to use the beautiful old building for a cultural center. It would house a museum, art gallery, historical center, etc. It will be available for musical and drama presentations. Termed as a work of art, the pioneer structure is already a major tourist attraction.

Tintic High Will Get New Wiring

By PAT BRADY

EUREKA — Plans have been completed and approved for new electrical wiring and fixtures to be installed in the library, gymnasium, basement rooms and garage of Tintic High School. A music room is to be prepared in the gymnasium basement and equipment will be purchased and installed in the small gymnasium. Other needed repairs will be completed.

Officials for their foresight in securing these beautiful grounds and buildings that we all can enjoy them with our touring friends and neighbors the park facilities and entertainments that they will provide.

The Wasatch Historical Society (formerly Save the Tabernacle Committee) wishes to publicly thank those who have supported us so loyally. Without your help we could not have accomplished the things we have.

To those who have pledged your support we appreciate this and will be calling on you for we do still need your help.

DON BARKER
Chairman
Wasatch Historical Society